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PAO REPORTS (1) GERMAN ZDF TV CREW DID CATCH MOST OF FLAG RAISING CEREMONY; (2) GHANAIAN INFORMATION OFFICIALS SOUGHT OUT ZDF CREW AFTER CEREMONIES AND INSTRUCTED THEM NOT TO USE "WRONG" CHINESE FLAG SEQUENCE; (3) THAT THIS FOOTAGE OF LESS INTEREST TO ZDF THAN UPSIDE DOWN GDR AND US FLAGS SINCE BOTH VERY WELL KNOWN TO GERMAN VIEWERS; (4) THAT WHILE ADMITTEDLY SNAFU DID NOT SHOW GHANA IN BEST LIGHT IT DID REFLECT REALITIES WITH WHICH SEASONED AMBASSADOR MUST ALWAYS BE PREPARED FOR AND WITHOUT LETTING IT SHOW (TOO MUCH). FRG CHARGE' VOLUNTEERED TO PAO THAT IF ZDF IS INDEED TOYING WITH IDEA USE UPSIDE DOWN FLAGS, OUR MAKING ANY MORE OF AN ISSUE OF IT WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO PASS IT UP. WE COULDN'T AGREE MORE. WE MADE OUR POINT WITH ZDF, BUT GENTLY. BLACK

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